GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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COLLECTION OF SAND IN RIVERS
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any directives to States banning for collection of sand in rivers from forest area;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any request to withdraw such ban; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) No Sir. However, as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation), Act, 1980, Rules and Guidelines thereof, collection of sand in rivers from forest areas is a non-forestry activity and therefore requires prior approval of the Central Government . Moreover, if the forest areas are part of the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, then the provisions of Wildlife(Protection), Act, 1972 shall also be applicable.

(b)to(d) Do not arise.